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In my opinion there is a great need for single employees and for businesses with under 50 employees.

I have personally experienced the frustration of not having insurance due to family changes and also, owing my own business [Willimantic Art Glass Studio]. I have quite a few friends who own small businesses and who cannot afford to purchase insurance on their own. These people have families to support. I also hear daily from my co REALTORS and members of the Group Home I work in part time. Interestingly, some of my co workers in the group home are REALTORS as well.

At my time of need, I was refused by doctors and dentists. It was before walk-ins, and the emergency room was not an option I chose to use.

In my experience I have heard that this is not an uncommon problem. Some families can take advantage of the HUSKY plan for their children, but are still hanging in limbo for themselves.

I feel that the recommendations made by this committee have presented a varied number of options that could fill that void. The presentations of experts in the Health Care field, and those presenting options that have worked for them; have made an impressive knowledgebase for us to follow.

Thank you for this opportunity to be part of such an important decision making process.